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WASTAGE OF COOKING GAS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas reserves in Gujarat is not being consumed in full but is being burnt on the spot in waste;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make use of gas reserves gainfully?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): In Gujarat the low pressure associated gas is being flared due to the following reasons:-

(i) Technical flaring for avoiding escape of unburnt gas into atmosphere, during process upsets in the plants and sudden demand fluctuations.

(ii) Flaring from small isolated fields, not economical to integrate with main gas grid.

(iii) Lesser intake by existing consumers/lack of consumers.

(iv) Time lag between the start of associated gas production and setting up of matching down-stream facilities for utilization of gas.

(c): The natural gas produced by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC) in Gujarat is being handed over to Gas Authority of India Ltd.(GAIL) for further distribution to the individual consumers.ONGC have also been empowered to undertake marketing of gas upto 1.0 lac cubic metre per day, from the isolated/marginal fields in Gujarat, for which action has already been taken by them to identify consumers.